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## Via ECF

April 16, 2021

Judge Barbara Moses United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl St., Room 740 New York, NY 10007

Re: Michelo, et al. v. National Collegiate Student Loan Trust 2007-2, et al.

Case No.: 1:18-cv-01781-PGG

consolidated with

Bifulco, et al. v. National Collegiate Student Loan Trust 2006-4, et al.

Case No.: 1:18-cv-07692-PGG

Dear Judge Moses:

The parties submit this joint letter requesting extension to May 10, 2021 of the deadline for resolving certain discovery issues previously identified to the Court. We also request extension of the deadline for filing Plaintiffs' motion for class certification by two weeks, to May 17, 2021.

Discovery is currently scheduled to close on April 19, 2021. Dkt. 261. The parties have diligently worked to complete remaining depositions, but will be unable to do so by the current deadline.

Former TSI affiant Chandra Alphabet's deposition had been scheduled for April 16, 2021, but Ms. Alphabet was unable to take time off work to appear on April 16, and has requested that her deposition be taken over a weekend to not interfere with her work schedule. The parties anticipate taking Ms. Alphabet's deposition on May 1, 2021.

The deposition of former TSI affiant Colleen Morgan may or may not proceed depending on efforts to locate this witness, originally subpoenaed by Plaintiffs in early 2020. TSI states that it has been unable to make contact with Ms. Morgan to facilitate rescheduling her deposition, and Plaintiffs are endeavoring to locate her a second time so that she may be deposed by May 10, 2021.

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The parties had also scheduled the deposition of Plaintiff Michelo for April 19, 2021. This Court has subsequently scheduled a hearing on Plaintiffs' motion for sanctions for the same date, requiring the resetting of Plaintiff Michelo's deposition. The parties expect to complete that deposition by May 10, 2021.

Finally, Plaintiffs' motion for class certification is currently due May 3, 2021. The parties are requesting an extension of two weeks, until May 17, 2021, for Plaintiffs to file that motion to allow time to complete the remaining depositions.

Based on the above, the parties request that this Court extend the deadline for completing the above-described discovery until May 10, 2021, and reset Plaintiffs' deadline for filing a motion for class certification until May 17, 2021. If approved, the parties further request that the deadlines for Defendants to respond to Plaintiffs' class certification be extended by a similar two-week period, from the current date of July 12, 2021 to July 26, 2021 and for Plaintiffs' reply deadline to be amended from August 13, 2021 to August 27, 2021. Dkt. 183.

Thank you for Your Honor's attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ James K. Schultz Counsel for Transworld Systems Inc.

cc: All counsel of record (via ECF)